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**UN ECOSOC Grants ICAP Special Consultative Status**

*The accreditation for ICAP, a think tank funded by leading global alcohol producers, is a first*

*(Washington, D.C., September 19, 2011)* The International Center for Alcohol Policies (ICAP; [www.icap.org](http://www.icap.org)) is pleased to announce that the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) Member States have approved ICAP's application for [Special Consultative Status](#).

“This marks a significant opportunity for ICAP to share our knowledge and experience, and one which we accept as a unique distinction for an organization sponsored by international alcohol producers,” said ICAP President Marcus Grant. “We are grateful for this recognition of the substantive contributions we can make.”

Special consultative status is granted to NGOs which have a special competence in, and are concerned specifically with, fields of activity covered by ECOSOC. Consultative status provides NGOs with an opportunity to contribute to the work of ECOSOC as well as its many subsidiary bodies, the various human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, and to special events organized by the President of the General Assembly.

“We look forward to working with the Council in the coming years,” said ICAP Board Chairman Sean O’Neill. “As the leading think tank in the alcohol policy arena and the lead contributing organization for Global Actions on Harmful Drinking, we welcome this opportunity to share ICAP’s insights about effective ways to reduce harmful drinking, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.”

The activities of the Global Actions initiatives are being documented at [www.global-actions.org](http://www.global-actions.org) and are also highlighted on the Global Actions [Facebook](#) page. To learn more about ICAP, please see [www.icap.org](http://www.icap.org) and [www.youtube.com/ICAPResources](http://www.youtube.com/ICAPResources).

For more information on Consultative Status at the United Nations, see: <http://csonet.org/index.php?menu=100>.

*The International Center for Alcohol Policies (ICAP; [www.icap.org](http://www.icap.org)) is a not-for-profit organization supported by major international producers of beverage alcohol. Established in 1995, ICAP's mission is to promote the understanding of the role of alcohol in society and to help reduce harmful drinking worldwide. Uniquely situated as an organization with global reach as well as regional expertise, ICAP works to foster dialogue and partnerships involving governments, the public health community, the beverage alcohol industry, civil society, and others interested in alcohol policy. ICAP's work in the alcohol policy field is shaped by its commitment to pragmatic and feasible solutions to reducing harm that can be tailored to local and cultural considerations and needs.*

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